Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on Page 20, line 18 and carries over to Page 21, line 12 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- The setFeature method used by preferred embodiments is preferably implemented by subclassing the existing parse method to provide a feature-based approach. The existing parse method is therefore automatically overridden. This new setFeature invocation takes as parameters two string values (which are illustrated at 1131 and 1132). The first parameter of the is a fully-qualified URI that informs the parser method that abstraction is to be performed, and the second parameter is then a string that identifies the name space of the desired abstraction level (i.e., the name of the schema definition to use when casting objects from the parsed elements). Accordingly, this abstraction level is set as a feature of the parser instance, and the overridden superclass is invoked as usual. See 1140, where the parse method is invoked on this parser instance. (Parameters provided on the invocation have not been shown, but typically identify the input document and where to print any error messages.) The ~~overridden~~ overriding parse method recognizes that the feature has been set, and retrieves the name that is specified for the desired abstraction level and passes that name to the superclass upon invocation. The superclass then uses that abstraction level. --